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1. E-N/T STEERING GROUP HELD ITS SECOND MEETING ON
MARCH 25, 1975 TO DEVELOP US POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR
TENTH E-N/T CONFERENCE APRIL 8-11 IN BRUSSELS. NAMES OF
US DELEGATES AND DETAILSON PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING AT
USNATO PROVIDED SEPTEL.

2. PLENARY

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A. RESTRUCTURING

STEERING GROUP CONSENSUS WAS THAT, DURING PLENARY DISCUSSION OF RESTRUCTURING, US SHOULD PROPOSE TWO PLENARIES EACH YEAR (TO INCLUDE SUB-GROUPS) WITH SUB AND WORKING GROUPS MEETING ADDITIONALLY AS NECESSARY. THIS WOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF E-N/T, PROVIDE FOR REPORTS TO MINISTERIALS AND FACILITATE COORDINATION AMONG SUB-GROUPS AND BETWEEN PLENARY AND SUB-GROUPS. FURTHER, SINCE E-N/T SECRETARIAT HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO IMPLEMENT

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION AND DIRECTION, US WILL NOT, AT BRUSSELS MEETING, RENEW ITS EARLIER REQUEST CALLING FOR A BASIC RESTRUCTURING OF E-N/T ORGANIZATION.

B. COORDINATION OF E-N/T ACTIVITIES

THERE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE FORMAL CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF REQUESTS FOR US PARTICIPATION IN SUB-GROUP AND PARTICULARLY WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES, E.G., INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR US PARTICIPATION SENT DIRECTLY FROM WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN TO INDIVIDUALS IN SUB-ORDINATE US AGENCIES WITHOUT NOTIFICATION OF US POINT OF CONTACT ON SUB-GROUP.

3. TENTATIVE US POSITION ON SUB-GROUP AGENDA ITEMS

STEERING GROUP WILL MEET APRIL 2 TO FINALIZE US POSITION ON SUB-GROUP AGENDA ITEMS. US DELEGATION WILL BE PREPARED TO BRIEF ON AGENDA ITEMS TO USCINCEUR AND USNATO PERSONNEL AT US MISSION NATO AT 1500, APRIL 7.

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